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## WATERFRONT STATISTICS

SHIPS IN PORT:	84
NO. OF VISITS:	84
SEAFARERS RECEIVING MINISTRY:	295
NEW MINISTERING SEAFARERS:	0
NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE STUDENTS:	0
NEW BIBLE STUDY LEADER:	0

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### Mission Statement

The Tacoma Seafarers' Center is organized to minister holistically, (spiritually, emotionally and physically) to seafarers who come to the Port of Tacoma. Our ministry emphasis is spreading the saving gospel of Jesus Christ world-wide to and through Seafarers.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Summer is here and I understand that this is the time of the year that we are supposed to see sunshine. I am told that in some parts of the country people actually have a reaction to sun light and get what is called a tan. For those of you who live in areas such as Washington State, that brown color on our skin which we thought was rust, is what some, who see the sun, call a tan. Some of our volunteers are getting a tan as they work outside around our property; cleaning, weeding and planting pretty flowers and plants. (It's supposed to be a secret, but we know it is three generations of Eckhoff women). Thanks to all for your hours of hard work for our ministry.



We are finally getting our Bible Correspondence Course into e-book format for the website. The 'DRAFT' looks great. The final work should be done within a couple of weeks. I am anxious to promote our ministry through the website. This is going to enlighten many to the global mission opportunities that exists within the Puget Sound of Washington State. Praise God for this blessing of technology.

We have been very busy in the Port this past month. It has been one of the busier months in recent history. The Lord is truly wonderful as He lifts us up in spite of the fact that we have been without one of our vehicles for almost two weeks, and we are several volunteers short of full staffing levels. As you prepare for summer and the fun it offers, please remember us in prayer as well as physical and monetary support. Summer tends to be lean times for the treasury of our ministry, but we rely on God for His support.

**We truly are in need of night time drivers. If you have some time, will you please join us?**



God Bless your summer,  
H. Gene Lawrence

Recently, besides our standard newspapers, magazines, telephone cards, Bibles, religious literature; we have been given the opportunity to distribute several other items to our visitors. Microsoft's Mike Egan donated to the Seafarers enough T-shirts to ensure that all visiting ships in May and June would receive an imprinted shirt for their remembrance of their stop or lay over at our Port.



## SEAFARER VISITATIONS

In a typical day at the Port, our team of volunteers will visit four ships. They may be container, auto-truck, log, chip, crude oil, grains, roll on-roll off, and a combination of the above.

Secondly, Northwest Embroidery, located in Milton, donated several hundred imprinted hats to accompany the shirts. The attached photo of the *M/V Far Eastern Silo* shows part of the Taiwanese crew with their new shirts and hats.



We at the Center are most appreciative from all our caregivers. We need all your support. Thank you very much from all the Seafarers.

Remember, it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere and that means its cold; so coats and other warm clothing is needed.

God Bless,  
Ed Egan

**UPDATES FROM CHAPLAIN BOVEE**

Since my last report, I have had surgery for hammertoes and was away for two weeks. Before the Doctor would release me, I had to keep my feet six inches higher than my heart. It has been an experience that I didn't need, but I started life with toes there were crooked and it was time to get them repaired.

We have been busy, as always, so let me tell you about two experiences. Car ships are normally in Port for only a few hours, so the seafarers are not allowed to leave their ships. This time, because of the oil barge, they were in Port for several hours. The crew was from India and I picked up fourteen of them and took them to the Center. They were readers that took back to their ship bags of books. One Seafarer, Anthony, came very quietly and asked if we had a Bible. He said, 'because of people like you, we have Bibles

to give away." I gave him an English Bible, along with a small N.T. and a Jesus video. A little later, he came back again and this time more quietly asked for prayer. He had been having headaches and the Chief Officer was on his case. I asked if he would like to be anointed with oil – "Oh would you please." We stepped out and I did as he requested, then he asked me for some of the oil. I only had the one small bottle; needless to say it is now on its way to India.

We now have T-shirts to give away to the ships because of our Trainee Chaplain, Edward, and the generous donation of this son. We carry 24 T-shirts to the ship and hand them out. If we are short, then we'll bring back more or the crew is left with extras, if it is a smaller group. (We have to leave our cars behind and sometimes walk a long distance to the ships with the gifts and supplies we bring them.)

Last week on the *M/V Far Eastern Silo* at TEMCO, we were able to pass, out at the crews request, several Bibles, a Jesus video, other literature, shifts and baseball caps (Ed's son again). The crew was very pleased. Next time you are in the Center, check out the pictures. This crew was from Taiwan, R.O.C.



Chaplain Lloyd Bovee

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**NEXT TSC BOARD MEETING -- September 9, 2003 @ 7:00 am**

**NEXT LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING – August 26, 2003**

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